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SUBJECT: FOUNDATION OF NEW FAR LEFT PARTY: PDUP

1. THE PDUP (PARTITO DEMOCRATICO DI UNITA' PROLETARIA), AN EXTREME LEFT GROUP, HELD ITS FIRST PROVINCIAL CONGRESS IN MILAN ON JAN 16, AND 17, 1976.

MILAN'S FEDERATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN ITALY WITH A CLAIMED 1457 MEMBERS, A LITTLE LESS THAN 1/10 OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP.

THE ALMOST 200 DELEGATES ELECTED 38 DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN BOLOGNA FROM JAN 29 TO FEB 1, 1976 AND ALSO LEGALLY CREATED THE PDUP AS A POLITICAL PARTY.

2. THE MAIN ISSUE IN PDUP IS THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PCI. THERE APPEAR TO BE TWO APPROACHES:

A) THE MAJORITY, REPRESENTED, AMONG OTHERS, BY MARCO BATTISTI, VITTORIO FOA' (FORMER SOCIALIST LEADER OF THE CGIL LEFT WING), GUIDO POLLICE, OF PSIUP ORIGIN, AND MARIO CAPANNA, FORMER LEADER OF THE MOVIMENTO STUDENTESCO, FAVORS A HOSTILE POSITION TOWARD THE PCI FOR NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY REVOLUTIONARY AND STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY IDEA OF THE

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NEAR.

B) THE MINORITY GROUP, ORIGINALLY BELONGING TO THE MANIFESTO AND LED BY LUCIO MAGRI, BELIEVES IN THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING COOPERATION WITH THE PCI TO ESTABLISH A LEFT FRONT ALTERNATIVE TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE

MINORITY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A PCI PLUS DC ALLIANCE IS CLOSE.

3. THE HARD LINE TOWARDS THE PCI WON ABOUT 60PERCENT OF THE VOTES BUT, DESPITE THE SPLIT ON THIS QUESTION, THERE SEEMED TO BE AGREEMENT TO WORK FOR UNITY WITH THE OTHER RADICAL GROUPS SUCH AS AVANGUARDIA OPERAIA, LOTTA CONTINUA AND THE MOVIMENTO STUDENTESCO.

4. THE PDUP IS THE CURRENT INCARNATION OF THE TROTSKYST LEFT. IT APPEARS TO BE A COALITION OF EXTREMIST LEFT GROUPS THAT HAVE INDIVIDUALLY FALLEN ON HARD TIMES, AT A MOMENT WHEN THE COMMUNISTS AND THE POLICE ARE COMPETING AGAINST THEM AS ADVOCATES OF LAW AND ORDER. PARSONS

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